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No Injuries in House Fire

A Rochester family and its pets safely exited a house fire on Stuart Road early Thursday morning, the February 2 call going to the Rochester Fire Department at approximately 5:00 am, according to a report published by the Rochester Fire Department.

The call reported smoke and fire inside the house. Firefighters arriving at the scene found the family outside the house with pets and observed fire from outside the house.

Crews mounted an aggressive interior attack knocking the fire down quickly and preventing further extension into other parts of the house. Crews worked at the scene for approximately 45 minutes before calling the fire under control.

There were no injuries reported. According to Fire Lieutenant Kevin Richard, the cause of the fire was later determined to be an electrical issue with the service to the house.

Fire crews from Acushnet, Freetown, Marion and Mattapoisett responded and provided assistance both at the scene and via Rochester Fire Station coverage. Rochester Police assisted at the scene.

Stuart and Walnut Plain roads were blocked to traffic while firefighters worked to clear the scene.

Black Artists We Should Know

Mattapoisett Council on Aging – Art for Your Mind

By Marilou Newell

There could not have been a better way to celebrate Black History Month than when Jill Sanford, art history expert and lecturer, gave her presentation titled, "African American Artists We Should Know" on February 1 at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging.

Sanford's art history presentations are so thoroughly researched and so tenderly shared one feels as if you've spent some time visiting with the artists

***On the Cover:** Amidst increasingly cold temperatures, Rochester Fire Department crews put out a February 2 house fire on Stuart Road, from which a Rochester family and its pets safely escaped shortly after midnight. No injuries were reported. An electrical failure was identified as the cause of the blaze. Fire crews from Acushnet, Freetown, Marion and Mattapoisett assisted. Photo courtesy of Rochester Fire Department*

themselves. While elaborating on artistic styles and forms, biographies of the artists are verbally painted by Sanford.

Thus, on this day, the audience strolled back in time through Sanford, joining seven black artists whose talents were oftentimes overshadowed by racism and discrimination but ultimately were hailed as extraordinary, even visionary artists.

Scipio Moorhead artistic contributions come down to a singular engraving created in the 1700s. Everything else he may have produced is dust in the winds of time. It is an engraving of a black woman, Phyllis Wheatley, a poet who wrote about Moorhead upon seeing his works; it demonstrates that this artist was a master. And but for that meeting between two black artists, the history of black artistic accomplishment would be poorer still. Moorhead lived in Boston.

Edward Mitchell Bannister (1828-1901) was an orphan who lived between Boston and Providence. He was primarily self-taught. His style tended towards traditional realistic depictions of woodlands, fields and expansive vistas, but he would also give his hand to softer, more impressionistic renderings.

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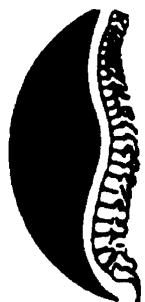


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Bannister submitted his painting *The Oaks* to a contest in London and won a bronze medal. However, when the judges learned the artist was not white, the award was withdrawn. Other artists in the running were so incensed by this injustice, they banded together and withdrew their paintings from the contest. Bannister's medal was returned. Bannister would go on to earn artistic recognition, would also teach painting and supported early civil rights activities with his wife.

Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937) was the son of a minister and a mother who had escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad. From a young age, he wanted to pursue the arts and was accepted in 1870 to the Philadelphia Academy where he was the only black student. His paintings were said to be infused with light, radiant light, many on religious themes. Through the efforts of Joseph Hartzell, a white patron, an exhibit of Tanner's paintings was held in Cincinnati. It failed to excite the public. Hartzell was so sure of Tanner's artistic capabilities that he purchased all the paintings. This generous act financed Tanner's studies in Paris.

Sanford reflected that while Tanner was very patriotic. "He found that doing ordinary things in France felt comfortable." Tanner's paintings of people of color in everyday domestic settings was a first. People of color were rarely, if ever, the subject of artistic themes. One of the most famous of these is the *Banjo Lesson*. Tanner would soar to higher acclaim in the 1870s with his painting *The Resurrection of Lazarus*, which would receive an award at the Grand Salon, establishing him as an artist. And he would break social barriers, marrying Swedish-American opera singer Jessie Macauley. They remained in France.

Horace Pippin (1888-1946) was a self-taught, wounded World War I veteran. He lost the use of his right arm during combat. To try and regain some use of his arm, he created collage-like paintings. His most productive years through the 1930s found him working in a folk-art style that was enjoying a renaissance. His was a linear style with a powerful sense of design and expressive use of color.

Pippin's work would be noticed by N.C. Wyeth,

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who along with Christian Brinton would arrange a solo exhibit at the West Chester Community Center in 1937, launching Pippin into national attention. Sanford said, "He brought a slice of black life into the white community." And he did use his art to make declarative statements about discrimination in the country. His painting of the hanging of John Brown is one such example, along with another titled, Lincoln the Liberator.

Female sculptor Augusta Savage (1892-1962) knew cruel times at the hands of her father as a child. She desired artistic expression so much so that she used the red clay of her Florida home to create small animals and other figures. But her father was having none of that. "He nearly beat the art out of me," she is quoted as saying. Yet she persisted.

Savage left home as a 15-year-old wife and soon thereafter, a mother. Savage went to school where she was encouraged by the principal to continue sculpting, later teaching and winning a local contest. Good fortune would come her way when she received a scholarship to Coopers Union. However, the all-white school did not

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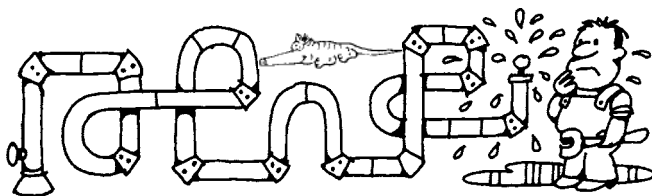
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accept her entry graciously. Still she persisted, eventually heading to France to study at the Fontainebleau. While there, she would meet E.B. Dubois, who commissioned her to do a bust of his head. Over time, she would return to the U.S. where she set up shop in Harlem at the height of its renaissance, teaching other black artists and earning broad respect for her artistic achievement.

Savage's works were never cast in bronze, a very costly process. Instead, it was plaster that she painted to resemble metal that would be her medium. Thus, when she was commissioned to create an entranceway statue to the Negro American Pavilion at the New York World's Fair in 1939, it was done in plaster. Nothing remains today of the more than 10-foot-high sculpture titled Lift Every Voice and Sing, except for the small replicas sold in the shops at the fair. Photographs of the statue reveal it was a grand representation of the repressed African American's ability to remain strong by holding each other up and having faith that a better day was coming.

Aaron Douglas (1899-1979) was inspired by his parents to pursue the arts. When he read that blacks were incapable of creating art, he was infuriated. Douglas would go on to become a prominent artist-illustrator during the Harlem Renaissance and was dubbed the "Father of African-American art." His images are of the jazz age and the people who populated Harlem at that time.

Douglas' stepping stones to success include earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine art from the University of Nebraska in 1922. He would teach art at Lincoln High School in Kansas City, Missouri. Douglas' painting style was modern cubism with an international, avant-garde approach. Figures were two-dimensional but full of movement. Abstractions were used to enhance the emotional narrative of his paintings. His painting of Harriet Tubman bringing people out of slavery through the Underground Railroad is a prime example of the artistic heights Douglas achieved.

And last but by no means least, Sanford gave us Jacob Lawrence (1917-2000), who became a prominent artist and student of Augusta Savage. He received a commission to paint 10 panels depicting the great

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migration of black people from the south – he would end up painting 60.

The Smithsonian website states of Lawrence's art, "... a social realist ... (painted) the African American experience in several series devoted to Toussaint L'Overture, Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, life in Harlem and the civil rights movement of the 1960s." His crowning achievement could be the creation of the 60-panel series on the great black migration from the south in 1941 when he was just 20 years old. In 2017, they were valued at \$6,000,000.

The panels show us masses of people on the move carrying all their possessions, carrying their babies, carrying their own, tired, travel-weary souls towards the

promise of work, food, shelter and freedom. There are the troubling scenes depicting crowds on railroad platforms, crowded trains, tenant farmers receiving harsh treatment and lynching. Yet, in spite of the threats, the loaded trains kept coming.

Lawrence's style has been called expressive cubism, chunky, puzzled together blocks of color creating images of lives lived during great transitional, social timeframes in a country still grappling with its history of oppression and eternal human quest for inclusion laced with hope.

Sanford encouraged her audience to research these artists and other black artists whose talent is a gift to the world at large.

Gorman Eager to Board Marion's Ship

By Mick Colageo

During his January 5 interview with the Marion Select Board, Geoff Gorman said, "My expectation would be that I am a multiplier for the Select Board, not just a minion." On March 1, Gorman will become that "multiplier," replacing Jay McGrail as town administrator.

"I'm there to represent the Select Board and what their goals and strategy ... their long-term strategy for the Town of Marion, are," Gorman further explained on Monday morning during a visit to the Town House. "I've got to take those five-, 10-year goals and make them into bite-size chunks for the operations of the town. Tactical budget, year-long budget stuff, but also a five-year plan.

"It's also to minimize the impact of change in leadership because, you know, with a three-person Select Board, in three years, you could have three different people. Hopefully, you can have some corporate




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The February 1 announcement of Gorman’s hire as new town administrator came over three weeks after the town announced that top choice Evan Lehrer has turned down the job to remain Mashpee’s town planner, along with his partnership in a cannabis business.

Gorman was not a distant second. He got Select Board member Norm Hills’ vote, and all three members said Gorman could do the job, Select Board member Toby Burr going so far as to say Gorman would be the better candidate than Lehrer over the first year of either’s hire.

“I was happy for the candidate they chose. I



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know him ... and he was a great choice," said Gorman of Lehrer. "I can't say I wasn't happy that it didn't work out ... because then they called me on the phone. I said I'd be more than happy to have a discussion, and I put the phone down and then I was like, 'Woo-hoo!' I was very excited, and I know the strengths and the good things I can bring to Marion and to the job. And so I'm glad it worked out that I'm able to prove to people that I was the correct choice."

Gorman has been working in regional management for MilliporeSigma. His resignation from the international, business-to-business, life-sciences company will become effective on February 28.

The Lockheed Martin land development issue that had won Lehrer the job is something Gorman will have to learn more about, but he understands Marion as "a shorefront, intimate, small community who cares about its ocean."

Gorman was not looking for a job where he could be a "trained circus animal" so, when he could not find his own job description at marionma.gov, he wanted to know, "What's my swim lane?" During the discussion that ensued after Gorman got the call, he was provided "a very detailed job description. And all my questions were answered, so it's perfect."

From the time he was two weeks out of high school until his 2015 retirement, Gorman had spent 27 years in the Navy. He would sink his teeth into local government in Mashpee, where he served seven years on the town's School Committee and until his hire in Marion had served a year on Mashpee's Finance Committee.

"I really found it interesting how the public schools worked," he told the Select Board during his January 5 interview, noting the budgeting process, the data-driven mindset and the benefit of working with teams. Mashpee School Committee's (\$26,000,000) annual budget is similar in size to Marion's operational budget.

Gorman also founded Mashpee's "Falcon Foundation," the fundraising for the educational foundation occurring online as leveraged by the pandemic. Through that experience and serving on School Committee, Gorman brings grant research and writing to

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"I kind of cut my teeth on writing my own grants, competitive grants, I know where to look," he said.

On Finance Committee, he learned that "The people who know (their needs) are department heads. ... Ask those hard questions early because if you don't, they just sit there and fester."

During his finalist interview on January 5, Gorman also referenced key Mashpee-related experiences, including a difficult breakup with the school superintendent, developing a relationship with leaders of the Wampanoag Tribe and relationships in town management.

"We built those relationships with open dialogue," he said.

There was no more growth to be pursued in Mashpee, Gorman told the Marion Select Board. "This is a much better fit for me."

Following Gorman's final on-ship deployment on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, he taught at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, serving as a maritime liaison for all of the college's Title 10 war games.

Maritime adjudication he considered "a lot of fun. The biggest skill I developed from that was the facilitation aspect of it," he said. "These war games are sometimes international ... you can't tell them what to do, but you have to (lead) them to a common goal."

Asked during his finalist interview by Burr if he

considers himself a Type A personality, Gorman said, "I'm a blue-red, I'm a data-driven guy, but subconsciously I'm red - that's Type A. I don't think I'm Type A."

"One weakness that I work on is patience. I don't typically like when people don't do their jobs. ... I don't push people out of the way to get things done. ... I find much more satisfaction working with the experts around (me) ... you have to stick with decisions."

As for serving his constituents on a daily, weekly basis, Gorman said on January 5, "There's always a problem, and it's always on me to help solve that problem. ... If somebody asks you a question and you say, 'I'll get back to you,' you get back to them. Even if you don't have the answer."

Now Gorman has his own answer from the Select Board, and Interim Town Administrator Judy Mooney can soon go back to wearing her primary hat as Marion's Finance director. Not a moment too soon during the height of budget-making season.

"My wife has always told me that when a door closes, another one opens for opportunity and just keep your mindset," said Gorman on Monday. "Everyone gets a hit to the ego when they're not the first choice, but you know what? I was number-two out of 39? I'm very happy about that. Ultimately, I got the job, and I'm super excited for the opportunity."

High Anxiety

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

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This time, the tables have been turned. The kids will still create posters, but the judges will, too, be judged by the kids. Oh boy!


When Jodi explained this new wrinkle to us over the speaker phone, a deafening silence fell on our conversation. My wife stared at me. I stared at her. Do we really want to do this? After all, we are professional artists. It's true we're retired, and it has been years since either of us has designed anything. I now paint portraits and she, once a graphic designer, is now a photographer. This could be embarrassing.

What if we say no, will Jodi convince her cohorts on the Select Board to instruct the Highway Department to not plow our street? Will she pressure the Assessors to raise our taxes? Did I mention she is very persuasive?

After some thought, we asked if we could think about it. Like a lightning bolt splitting a massive tree in a storm, a thunderous "No!" came crackling over the phone line. How do you say no to someone who wields a sharp pair of scissors in close proximity to my ears? The van Gogh look is not for me. So, of course, we agreed.

Now the pressure begins. What if we fail to produce something "professional" looking? What if the young saplings judging us think our work stinks? Our reputations as "real" artists are ruined.

Worse, what if my wife wins and I don't? I'll never hear the end of it. I can see it now, every Thanksgiving with the family gathered around the festive



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table, turkey sitting proud by the mashed potatoes and stuffing, as she passes the gravy, she barks how she beat me to a pulp in an art competition.

Heaven forbid, what if I win? Fifty-three years of wedded bliss down the drain. My bride remembers everything. If she tripped over a shoe I left on the floor 40 years ago, she remembers. If I left a dirty dish on the kitchen counter in 1978, she remembers. This would be hanging over my head forever.

Oh, the shame of losing. Will I have to give up painting and turn to writing full time (be careful what you wish for dear reader)? Here I sit, my hair falling out, worrying about a little poster contest, while my bride is calmly staring at her computer researching trees.

Am I overthinking this? Do you think? Get on with it, Dick!

Stay tuned for the results of this epic mind battle.

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on" Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Why Are We Here

The Poet's Corner

By Hope Bradley Finley

What is our purpose in life?

Maybe we are here to show God's love to one another. And to learn unconditional love.

Maybe we are here to love and nurture our families, to care for and support them ... to teach them and to learn from them.

And to share their joys and sorrows.

Maybe we are here to learn to rise above our pain and our illnesses ...

to bravely face life with courage and fortitude.

Maybe we are here to learn to appreciate God's wondrous creation

in all its glorious forms

for all living creatures.

Maybe we are here to be a friend to all ...

to learn to forgive and ask forgiveness

to feel joy and laughter

and enjoy all that life has to offer.

Editor's Note: Hope Bradley Finley passed away on January 13 at age 95. The Mattapoisett resident was thrilled to have The Wanderer publish her poems and essays, something we will continue to do this winter.

Immigrant History Explored

Marion Historical Commission / Sippican Historical Society

By Marilou Newell

Marion's rich history as a seaport community has been well documented over decades. Less has been

known about its immigrating workers and the people who settled on the outskirts of estates and wealth. But that is changing now, thanks in no small part to the collaborative efforts of the Marion Historical Commission and the Sippican Historical Society.

On February 1, the Music Hall was filled with townsfolk interested in learning more about the people who populated Route 6 and the immigrant neighborhoods.

MHC Chairperson Meg Steinberg told The Wanderer that Claire Dempsey, a historic-preservation consultant, produced an inventory and historic research report on Marion's Portuguese, Azorean and Cape Verdean communities. The MHC funded this project so that Dempsey could complete her analysis of the Point Road and Gifford's Corner neighborhoods, an earlier project also funded by the MHC.

Local resident, Cape Verdean ancestor and educator Rick DaSilva has been participating in the immigrant history project for several years. In a response to how he became involved in the project, DaSilva replied, "I joined the Sippican Historical Board a few years ago, before the pandemic, with strong intentions to increase the diversity of perspectives and narratives. A few years ago, I was contacted by Claire Dempsey, the writer of the report, and ... spent some time discussing the different areas in Marion she was researching."

But how did these areas become meccas for

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immigrants? Who were the people? What are their stories? This is what DaSilva, who taught history at Tabor Academy for many years and is now the director of Community and Equity Affairs at St. Mark's School in Southborough, wishes to pursue in greater detail. He believes it will "fill in the blanks."

Some work had begun on collecting Cape Verdean oral histories when Judith Rosbe of the SHS recorded several with the assistance of family members with surnames Pina, Barros and Pires. That was the beginning of filling in the blanks, a place where documentation ends and memories begin.

"I ended the talk last night mentioning that goal (of gathering oral histories) and that the purpose of doing the talk was to shed light on the countless

stories we don't have and haven't collected," DaSilva told The Wanderer. He said that while data, such as that reported by Dempsey, is critical, "it is nothing without the anecdotes and narratives from those who lived in these areas through 1930 to 1990."

In his presentation and follow-up, DaSilva noted that successive generations, the children and grandchildren of the immigrants, have migrated out of the area. "Those stories are gone." He said, however, that there are immigrant ancestors who attended talks such as these and have access to images and testimonies, along with those who have remained in the area willing to share those pieces of the story.

A large part of the February presentation focused on Dempsey's exhaustive research of documents, deeds, assessors' reports and tax records. That mapping told a silent story. A story of immigration from the Cape Verdean Islands to the southeast coast of Massachusetts by people, primarily young men, in search of employment and a more stable area for resources.

In his oral history, DaSilva told Rosbe that the Cape Verdean Islands were prone to drought and famine. "Men came looking for work on fishing boats, in cranberry bogs, in construction..." Those first immigrants who settled in the area would later bring family members to Marion. Families would grow into neighborhoods along Point Road, Mill Street, Creek Road, Wareham Road and Giffords Corner.

DaSilva also spoke of the Point Road School built to educate the increasing number of children being born to the immigrants and the challenges those children faced.

Once Sippican School opened, there would be concerns regarding the necessity and purpose of maintaining two schools in the town. DaSilva said, "Children of Cape Verdean heritage were thrown into a different culture," when required to attend Sippican School versus the Point Road School that had been filled with family and friends and their cultural identity.

DaSilva wants to cast a wide net and capture the full story of immigrating people to the area. "I believe that in the southeast, more people are now interested not just in tracing family roots but hearing and reading about the



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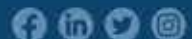
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families that helped build this area," he said. "Whether on ships, bogs or in textile mills, the Cape Verdeans, Azoreans and Portuguese - and countless mixtures among them - were as important to the foundation of growth and success as any other group or groups who are often given credit for making the southeast vibrant and viable."

Got a story to share? Contact DaSilva at rsilv@me.com or Meg Steinberg, Marion Historical Commission, at 508-748-3500.

Nomination Papers Available in Marion **By Mick Colageo**

Norm Hills' terms on both the Select Board and Planning Board will be up at Marion's annual Town Election on Friday, May 12.

On Monday, Marion announced that nomination papers are now available at Town Clerk Lissa Magauran's office. Papers are due by Monday, March 20, for the signature-certification process.

According to the press release, 30 rather than 20 signatures are required to get on the ballot for elected office, based on Massachusetts General Law Chapter 53, Section 6.

The two seats occupied by Hills, the Planning Board chairman who is also the workhorse of the Bylaw Codification subcommittee, are among 12 open seats this year on seven different boards/committees in Marion.

In addition to Hills, the terms of Planning Board members Chris Collings and Eileen Marum expire in May.

Albin Johnson (Board of Health) and Peter Winters (Board of Assessors) will require election to seats they hold by appointment, but neither is a stranger to the process. Johnson is a founding member of the Board of Health, albeit retired until recently, and Winters is an experienced member of the town's Finance Committee.

Pat DeCosta's term with the Assessors is also up this year.

Nichole Nye-McGaffey is the lone Marion School Committee member whose term is up in 2023, and Margaret McSweeney's term on the Old Rochester Regional School Committee will also expire this year.

Three seats will be open on the town's Open Space Acquisition Commission, as Amanda Chace and Mark Sylvia will require reelection to continue past May 12, and there is also a vacancy on MOSAC.

For more information, call the town clerk at 508-748-3502 or email lmagauran@marionma.gov.

Cutler to Band-Aid ZBA

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Town of Rochester has a temporary solution to its lack of an administrative assistant for the Zoning Board of Appeals. He's veteran Zoning Board member Richard Cutler, whom the Select Board approved hiring as a temporary employee during Monday night's Select Board meeting.

Without the help of former Patrice Braz, who resigned from the Building Department on December 19, 2022, members of the Zoning panel have been scrambling to complete the heavy paperwork load that board business requires.

The Select Board agreed to sign Cutler to a contract that fills the role for the next two months at a maximum of two days per week. Town Administrator Glenn Cannon said this will be a good temporary solution while the town screens candidates for the permanent position. The problem, he said, is that there is no private-sector equivalent to the job of Zoning Board clerical assistant. Anyone taking on the job will not have encountered this particular type of work before, he said. That is why Cutler's experience makes him a perfect fit for the job.

The Select Board also found a replacement for outgoing Town Counsel Blair Bailey, who this week is retiring from the job after over 20 years serving Rochester. The board signed the contract that will make Mead, Talerman and Costa, LLC, a law firm with offices in Millis, Newburyport and New Bedford, the town's new legal counsel effective Tuesday, February 7.

Before the approval vote, Bailey emphasized his confidence that this firm was the right choice for Rochester.

"I didn't think twice about having them come to this town. This firm will give the town what it needs," he said.

The February 6 Select Board meeting started with the town's acquisition of the 65.26-acre Mahoney property for conservation purposes.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly explained that a Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Program grant totaling \$93,100 is allowing the town to purchase its portion of the 241-acre Mahoney property that includes parcels in Acushnet and Mattapoisett and abuts Marion, Fairhaven and Mattapoisett Water Department properties.

Next, Helen Zincavage of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) updated the board and residents on the regional, long-range "Assawompset Pond Complex and Nemasket River Watershed Management and Climate Action Plan." The plan, she said, responds to the devastating floods that hit the area in 2010. A Municipal Vulnerability Program was created to prevent the same disaster from happening again. Rochester went through the MVP grant planning process in 2018-2019 and with



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Lakeville met to create their own addendum to these priorities.

Updating the Assawompset Pond Management Plan became this plan's top priority. A management team and steering committee were created. The conclusion was a list of six floodwater-management priorities ranging from removing the first 500 feet of sediment from the Nemasket River to developing a long-term management plan for the Assawompset Pond Complex.

Zincavage said the next step is a 12-point action plan to address priority APC project goals, each at a different stage of research and development and in separate phases. She asked how Rochester would like to build into this work.

Former APC Management Committee member Fred Underhill responded with multiple criticisms. He said no one came to the Town of Rochester for its opinion on the action items that have been developed. He complained that Rochester does not have a vote on APC Management Committee decision, only if the vote "directly affects" the town. Yet the town will be responsible for developing, funding and managing these action items all on its own. Underhill added that New Bedford and Taunton, the two cities in the APC, wield too much power over the smaller member towns, Rochester, Lakeville and Middleborough.

Another resident asked if the town's ponds have been tested to see if the nitro pollution the APC plan is worried about comes from the town. Town Planner Nancy Durfee reinforced this point by asserting that the APC analysis does not have enough data from Rochester's ponds. "Without the data, you can't really move forward," Durfee said.

Zincavage responded that these are plans, not mandates. They are just future, possible strategies. "It does not make the town do anything," she said.

The Rochester Select Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, for a Community Electric Public Outreach hearing.

Fire Truck Slides down Rankings Ladder

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Casey Barros and Dick Giberti of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee presented Tuesday night to the Marion Select Board, working off of CIPC Chairman Paul Naiman's letter on the committee's FY24 project rankings and 10-year plan.

As Giberti explained, the CIPC confines its interest to projects costing at least \$10,000 with a useful life of at least five years. The committee, made up of Barros, Giberti, Naiman, Steve Nojeim, Dave Janik, Finance Committee Representative Bill Marvel and Select Board Representative Randy Parker, interviews all department heads making capital requests, exhaustively scrutinizing each department's pitch with an end game to provide the Finance Committee and Select Board credible results borne of legwork, research and deliberation.

Ability to fund projects plays a role in the CIPC's rankings.

This year, the CIPC divided its FY24 rankings into two categories: requests related to the Department of Public Works and those that are not DPW-related. The reason for the division, explained Barros, is funding scores will be higher across the board for DPW requests due to enterprise funding. If combined into one rankings list, "the others fall by the wayside," he said.

Interim Town Administrator Judy Mooney told the CIPC representatives that the town will see how much funding it can dedicate toward the projects. "All these sewer projects cannot be funded, I know that right off the bat," said Mooney. "Based on your rankings, where does the money stop? That's it."

Some enterprise funding must be used for sewer betterments so it cannot be used for capital projects.

"This team does a super job," said Parker.

Thirty projects totaling \$3,700,000 were submitted by town department heads and the ORR School District. Fourteen were submitted by the DPW for almost \$1,300,000, 16 more totaling \$2,600,000 were submitted by the Police, Facilities, Schools and the Council on Aging.

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A notable slider down the rankings ladder is a Fire/EMS Ladder Truck listed at \$1,600,000 (though Parker said that number is now down to \$1,000,000.) In examining pros and cons of buying used versus new, Barros noted that all fire trucks built from 2012 to 2019 "are deficient" as in prone to rotting out due to a stainless-steel component.

The Ladder Truck would require Marion taking on more debt that would affect the tax rate. The CIPC's recommendation is that the Finance Committee and Select Board consider grant funding and used equipment.

A large swell of supporters packed into the Police Station conference room for a public hearing that ended in enthusiastic applause when the Select Board voted to grant Cast, the new restaurant at 7 Cottage Street, an on-premise, all-alcohol beverages license.

The owner, Bree Swierkowski, owns and operates Ella's Italian Restaurant on the Cranberry Highway in Wareham. "I love the history of the building and everything it represents. We've done a lot of research and plan on honoring the history of that building," she said.

During public comment, Cottage Street abutters Martha Woodward and Ann Ziegler articulated concerns about noise and street parking.

Swierkowski assured them that the bar will be

inside only, and there will be no new seating beyond 8:00 pm in order to comply with the 9:30 pm expiration of the license. She also said a sign will greet patrons asking for them to be respectful to the neighborhood.

Select Board member Norm Hills explained that no one can limit public street parking. "It's free for whoever shows up," he said.

Ziegler asked the town to consider a faux speed bump, at which point Mooney and Parker noted in stereo that Marion is amidst a program to lower speed limits throughout town-controlled roadways.

"We're excited to have the owners of Ella's come to Marion. They're upstanding people. I think this is a win-win," said resident Margie Baldwin. "I understand the abutters' concerns, but we can't legislate parking. I applaud the fact they're coming to town."

Holmes Street resident Jack Gierhart commented on the positive side of bringing people into town. "This would add an incredible amount to the community," he said.

In a relatively brief public hearing, the board voted to approve installation of a new Verizon/Eversource utility pole and anchor at the side of 2 Teel Street.

The board voted to remove the interim tag and officially appoint long-time town employee Becky Tilden as the DPW director.

The board publicly acknowledged Jon Witten's letter of resignation as Marion's lead legal counsel after 20 years representing the town. Witten will remain in the role of special counsel to bring closure to a couple of lingering matters and wrote that he will work with KP Law, Gorman and Mooney.

Mooney indicated that KP Law's Tim Zessin will take on the role of Marion's lead counsel. Parker said that Amy Kwesell is also "very good."

Parker's main concern is immediate accessibility, something he says the town had with Witten, even on weekends.

Board of Assessors Chairman TJ Walker noted that the Town of Rochester is also losing its lead counsel (Blair Bailey) and that Marion should take a look at that town's decision to go with a New Bedford-based firm. Marion is under contract with KP Law through June.

In her Town Administrator's Report, Mooney noted Geoff Gorman's hire as new town administrator. Gorman will start March 1.

In other business, the board voted to: approve the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Annual Report for 2022; the appointment of Carl McDermott III as special officer, per request of Police Chief Richard Nighelli; approve Mooney as the certifying authority to file and authority to file final loan documents for the State Revolving Fund / Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust; approve Tabor Academy's request for a Common Victualler License for the new Travis Roy Campus Center; accept Mallory Waterman's resignation



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from the Historical District Study Committee and appoint Jill Pitman as her replacement; approve a \$194.78 abatement at 9 Shellheap Road; deny an abatement request at 929 Point Road and approve a Water/Sewer commitment of \$669.72 (final readings January 18.)

The town's Building Committee will meet Monday, February 13, at 4:00 pm to receive cost updates on the new DPW operations center construction from lead designer Will Saltonstall.

The Stewards of Community Open Space will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 pm at the Music Hall.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, at 6:00 pm.

Grant Funding Keys FY24 Projects

Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee

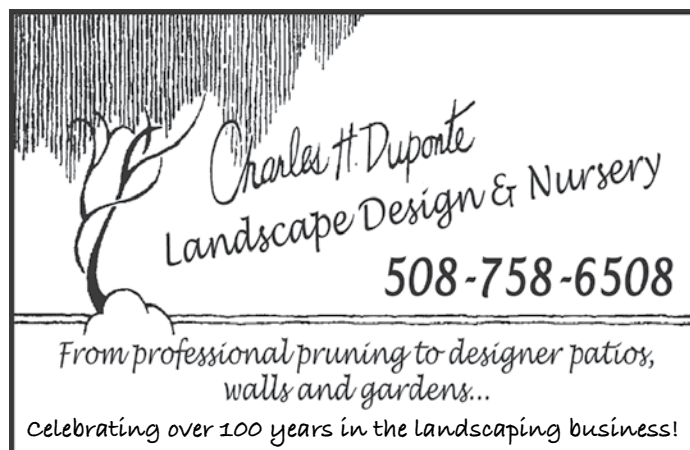
By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee met on Monday night to continue their work in crafting an updated, 10-year plan, part of which now displays projects and any associated grants. Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo shared details on a variety of grants the town has received or is pending approval.

First on the list was a \$260,000 Complete Streets Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The grant has been used to fund upgrades to bike-path intersections, electronic speed signs used for traffic calming and a planned sidewalk at the north end of Pearl Street.

A MassTrails grant in the amount of \$120,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation is being used to create a pre-engineering design of bike path Phase 2A. A state grant program for municipalities seeking assistance in upgrading fiber-optic conductivity was granted to Mattapoisett in the amount of \$154,043. The Old Slough Road reopening plan applied for and received two grants totaling \$614,902, one of those a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant.

The National Estuary Program (NEP) grant in the amount of \$35,000 was secured to perform stormwater studies at outfalls located near Ship Street and Ned's



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Point Road. The Long Wharf reconstruction project received two grants totaling \$216,000 from the Seaport Economic Council, and the same agency has received an application from the town for \$120,000 for the development of a Harbor Management Plan.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration awarded Mattapoisett \$735,000 for redevelopment of Industrial Drive. A Shared Streets Grant from MassDOT in the sum of \$237,849 will be used to construct a sidewalk along a portion of Mattapoisett Neck Road. And last but not least, a Massachusetts Community Compact Grant of \$60,000 is funding two studies performed by the UMass Boston Collins Center for the Transfer Station and school-consolidation analysis.



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In other business, the committee met with Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh to discuss the department's FY24 capital needs. Listed in the plan is \$45,000 to replace timber pilings, \$30,000 for a Harbor Management Plan (the town's share of a grant application to the Seaport Economic Council), \$20,000 for floats and docks and \$25,000 for dinghy docks. In discussing the Long Wharf project, Lorenzo and McIntosh concurred that construction will not be imminent.

The committee also met with Library Director Jennifer Jones. The library's list includes \$45,000 for new carpeting and \$85,000 for historic slate-roof repair and restoration.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee was not scheduled upon adjournment.

Winter Work Won't Disturb Turtles

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission began its February 7 meeting by approving a Standard Order of Conditions for the plan at 119 Dexter Lane to thin out the undergrowth and overgrowth in the non-wetlands area of the parcel.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported to the board that Natural Heritage has asked property owner Jon Roth to get the work done during the winter to avoid disturbing turtle habitat there.

Roth said some clearing has already been

done, and he wants the Conservation Commission's endorsement to complete the work by March 31 because of Natural Heritage's order. Commission Chairman Christopher Gerrior said a Standard Order of Conditions will work for this project, and the board unanimously approved a motion to grant it.

Next, builder Ryan Correia was granted certificates of compliance for two projects. At 1008 Walnut Plain Road, a single-family home has been reconstructed on an existing foundation, and an existing, failed septic system has been decommissioned. At 114 Mendell Road, a single-family home has been constructed, along with associated road grading within 100 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland.

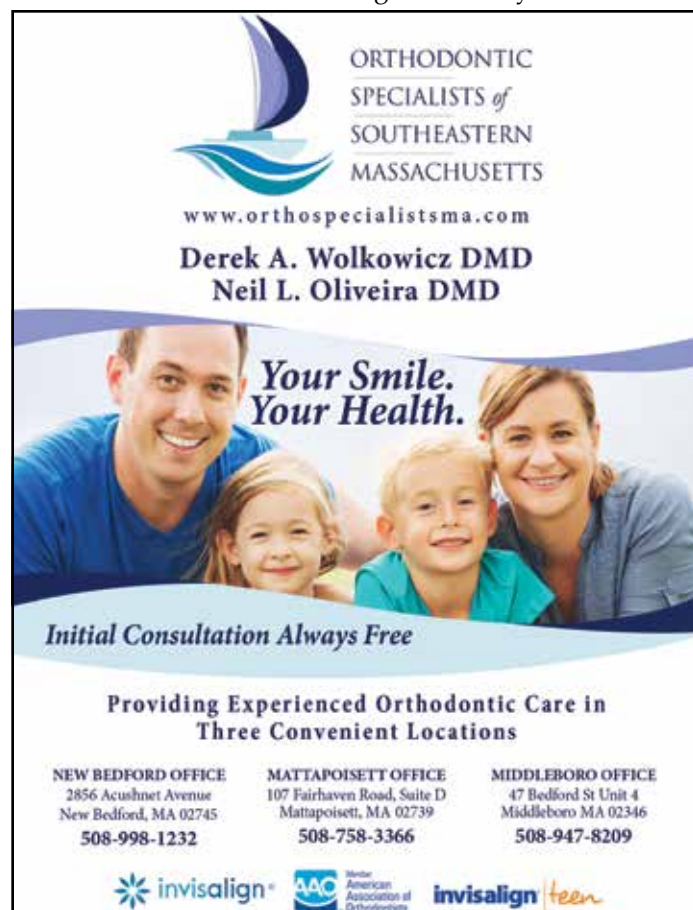
At the Walnut Plain Road site, Kelly said she spotted a big puddle in the center driveway. Correia said the site's septic system is not located there but in the side yard. Gerrior said he has not seen the original Order of Conditions but was comfortable enough to entertain a motion for approval of the certificates.

The commission then approved a Certificate of Compliance for 113 Hartley Road and its construction of a road and associated grading within 100 feet of a buffer zone. It is the site of the Gilmore Cranberry Company.

Next, a proposal to upgrade an existing pump house within the 100-foot wetland setback at 90 Stevens Road received a Negative Determination of Applicability, meaning the commission has decided the plan will not impact wetlands. Dan Flores of SFC Engineering explained the plan is to demolish the pump house that is below ground and replace it with a 10-foot-tall, "garden shed" above-ground pump house on the same foundation.

Gerrior asked the board to decide whether it should grant the project a Positive Determination, meaning the panel will have to follow the construction process, or the Negative Determination that judges there would be no wetlands effects. Board members unanimously agreed to the Negative vote.

The next topic was whether the commission should advise the Select Board to purchase 115.12 acres of land off High Street that is being taken out of Chapter






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61A agricultural protection. The board agreed not to recommend the acquisition because 10,000 square feet of the parcel will soon be leased as the site of a wireless telecommunications tower.

The commission ended its meeting with a message. Board member William Clapp noted he has seen a lot of roadside trash in Rochester, and he was recently told by the Women's Club that its annual Earth Day trash pick-up day attracts no more than 40 volunteers each year. "And that is not enough manpower for the job," Clapp said. "I want to see more participation. Create incentives for participation."

Gerrior said more people should come out. He told The Wanderer that the commission will now start that crusade of urging more volunteers to join the cleanup next time.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 21, at 7:00 pm in the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School Library.

Board Chastised about Pricey Housing

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

During Monday night's meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board, member Karen Field commented that the houses being built on Chapel Road seem too close to Route 6. She said the building inspector confirmed that the homes have proper setbacks. This prompted resident Paul Osenkowski to share his opinion of the project and the board.

Osenkowski began by saying that Mattapoisett lacks diversity because housing is too expensive. He went on to admonish the board, which he said "screwed up" regarding an earlier, conceptual cluster subdivision plan. That concept was brought to the board by engineer Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering, representing David Nicolosi, through informal discussion only, not in a request for Plan Review.

Osenkowski told the board that instead of getting five "reasonably" priced homes including green space, the town is getting much bigger homes priced much higher and no green space. He alluded to unnamed persons whom he alleged blocked the original plans for

personal reasons and accused the board members (with the exception of John Mathieu, who was not on the board at that time) of stonewalling.

For over 10 minutes, Osenkowski was allowed to continue. He repeated several times that the board knew about behind-the-scene matters that had negatively impacted the original concept. The board responded they didn't know what he was talking about. Board member Arlene Fidalgo said the discussion was "absurd."

Mathieu said that he understood what Osenkowski was driving at. He said at a future board meeting he wishes to discuss bylaws and review what he dubbed "flexibility" given to the Planning Board.

The 2022 Master Plan, which is pending Select Board review, speaks to the need for more housing and affordable housing that Mathieu said he wants to explore. A draft of the pending Master Plan is accessible at Mattapoisett.net.

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved the town's return of \$520.95 in 53G funding to David McIntire for the Skagbark Circle roadway construction being undertaken by the developer.

Site Plan Review of the 156 Acushnet Road solar array filed by Sun Partners was continued to March 6, pending state acceptance of the project.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, March 6, at 7:00 pm.



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ORR Stands by Library Resources Policy

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

The controversial subject of library resources was once again discussed during a school committee meeting, this time as an item on Monday night's agenda of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee.

Michelle Smith, committee chairperson, provided a draft statement for the committee's consideration, highlighted by an existing policy that the selection of library resources is the primary responsibility of the library staff.

The approved selection criteria would necessarily include a wide range of educational materials

representing many different points of view and afford the public access to review materials by filing a request form that can be found on the Teaching and Learning page of the district website. The School Committee, meanwhile, will continue to govern school-library procedures by adhering to existing law and policies.

After a motion to approve was made, committee member Joe Pires motioned to allow the public to comment on the policy. Smith stated that public participation in committee deliberations is confined to budget-related items.

Pires abstained from the vote that otherwise approved the existing policy putting resources (including book selection) in the hands of library staff.

In recent months, Pires has publicly objected to what he considers pornography on the shelves of ORR's school libraries. The same literature is considered by community activists as crucial and even foundational to an inclusive society.

An ensuing debate between Pires and others including committee Vice Chairperson Frances Kearns spread onto social media. During the recent Joint School Committee meeting, Pires questioned if membership in the grassroots non-profit group Tri-Town Against Racism poses a conflict of interest. Outside the committee, he has publicly suggested so.

Later during Public Comment, Frances Kearns' husband Thomas Kearns objected to the suggestion his wife resign from the committee and suggested the person on the other side of the argument (Pires) do so instead.

Despite Pires' self-identification as a minority and insistence in his support of equity and inclusion, his conflict with Tri-Town Against Racism has only escalated.

Monday night, Smith drew the line to keep the simmering conflict from rendering the ORR School Committee dysfunctional.

Smith started by publicly apologizing for having "failed" the committee. She expressed regret for not taking charge in accordance with her role during recent meetings in which she stated that multiple members used inappropriate platforms such as subcommittee reports to engage in diatribe on topics not on the meeting agenda.

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"I will not allow any off-topic agendas, nor allow the public to be disrespectful. My role is not to take any sides but to follow policy ... I'm done with all the disrespect," said Smith. "I will stop any member who speaks off topic on an item that is not on the agenda, and I will stop any member of the public from speaking disrespectfully to a committee member."

"They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well it takes a unified school committee to lead us forward."

Also during Public Comment toward the end of the agenda, ORR student Alia Cusolito, who identifies in gender as non-binary, spoke on behalf of the high school's Gender and Sexuality Alliance and BIPOC club.

"You've all been talking about students rather than with us, which is now continuing as we are unable to have a conversation when we're not on the agenda," read Cusolito from a prepared statement.

In acknowledging the committee's commitment to anti-racism policy and culture, Cusolito encouraged the membership to consider the students' other needs and perspectives.

"Despite the negativity expressed by some community members, we believe that advocating for the safety and well-being of all people is the most effective and empathetic course of action. We respectfully ask that you seek our expertise rather than having adults outside of the school speak on our behalf. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on any actions that directly

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ORR student Isabella Doyle spoke about her experience encountering racial stereotyping that persisted outside class after she asked for name calling to stop. She said ORR needs to strengthen its "messaging" to students of color that the support in school policy will be enacted upon incidents of racism.

The ORR School Committee held several votes, unanimously approving recommendations to tweak the 2023-24 ORRHS Program of Studies.

Additions include: Honors Human Anatomy, Physiology I, College Prep-level Portuguese III and Honors Portuguese III as continuations; Cyber Security I and II as a Computer Science prerequisite, expansion



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of Unified Physical Education to Grade 9 (maximum 21 students per semester, total 42); renaming English 12 Communication in the 21st Century according to its former name English 12A (to distinguish it from the honors class); Unified Arts ceramics (including written work); Black & White Photography; emphasis on the artist's role in society in Art History; Honors Human Anatomy (conceptual learning of various systems requiring the use of primary sources); opening Computer Science Principles to tech-driven freshmen (new prerequisite for Computer Science per the advice of college boards); and removal of a course on creativity and inspiration that had "very little student interest."

New language in the high school and junior high student handbooks meant to distinguish between excused and unexcused absences was approved by the committee. The refined policy will strive to seek information on why students are absent that will help district administration offer assistance to those students.

The committee approved the use of the use of the high school's multipurpose field by the local girls youth lacrosse league. Pending the league schedule, the organization requested a total of four Sundays during April, May or June. Each Sunday would include four 50-minute games for a total of 200 minutes on the field.

"This has my full support," said ORR Principal Mike Devoll, speaking on behalf of himself, Facilities Director Gene Jones and Director of Athletics Bill Tilden. He noted that the program already practices on the ORR campus. "We will collaborate as we do with all of our youth organizations on when the fields are not playable."

According to lacrosse-program representative Sara Jacobsen, the area boys program uses the Dexter Lane fields in Rochester. Asked if the high school coaches support the new presence of youth football and now lacrosse, Devoll said, "All of our coaches - I'll speak for all of them - want our kids on our campus."

Nelson told the committee that the resurfacing of ORR's track is headed toward a June completion date. The spring track programs are working to secure a practice and competitive schedule on rivals' campuses.

The committee approved the School Health Unit

applications submitted to the state Department of Public Health by school nurses Nicole Reedy (ORRHS) and Linda Deveau (ORRJH.)

The committee approved four donations from Cape Cod 5 Educational Mini-Grants to district faculty: \$490 to Brian Almeida for three 3D printers, \$360 to assist Eugenia Tilley in teaching Latin, \$500 to Andrew Apperson to support disc golf on the ORR campus and \$496 to Allison Barker for digital story-telling resources.

ORR announced the hire of custodians Justin Almeida and Stephen Gaudet and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Melissa Wilcox. With the announcement that Secretary Diana Russo is retiring, the committee voted to appoint Wilcox both as committee secretary and recording secretary.

ORR golf coach Chris Cabe was recognized for guiding the Bulldogs to the 2022 fall season MIAA Division 2 championship.

Student representative Sakurako Huyhn Aoyama reported on activities and events including theme dressing and an "Adam Sandler Day."

The Central Office Report yielded news that there are open spots available for the Math Acceleration Academy during February vacation, and Devoll publicly acknowledged the ORR boys swimming team for winning the conference championship, Markus Pierre for his Golf recognition in The Standard-Times and 2022 ORR graduate and Harvard University freshman Eddie Gonet, who brought Harvard's oldest a cappella club, the Krokodiloes, to ORR where they performed before an audience reaching 400. "I think we'll be making that a yearly event," said Devoll.

The committee voted to enter executive session, only returning to adjourn.


The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee will be held on Thursday, March 30. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 pm in the ORR Junior High media room, also accessible live via Zoom.

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Academic Achievements

Leah Reed, of Marion was named to Regis College's Fall 2022 Dean's List. Reed was among a group of students who achieved exemplary grades in their classes.

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2022 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey and many other states and countries. They include: **Maggie Arruda** of Marion, **Sam Gryska** of Marion, **Quintin Palmer** of Marion, **Mason Tucker** of Marion, **Andrew Coucci** of Mattapoisett, **Chris Gauvin** of Mattapoisett and **Mariana Ditata** of Rochester.

Dean College is pleased to announce that **Ryan Fraine** of Mattapoisett has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.



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February Break "Staycation" Activities in Mattapoisett

During school vacation week, don't get stuck indoors. Mattapoisett Land Trust is offering a Hot Chocolate Hike on Monday **February 20** at 10 am. Meet at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Foundation on Angelica Ave. for a short hike followed by hot chocolate and a campfire. All are welcome to join. Dress for the weather and wear your boots, it may be wet out there.

For even more family fun during school vacation, try out MLT's Staycation Scavenger Hunts. See the Family Activities page on the MLT website to download the instructions and checklists for the Dunseith Gardens and the Dexter "Tub" Mill scavenger hunts. Good luck. Remember to post your photos with #MLTscavengerhunt so we see how well you do.

Upcoming program at the Marion Natural History Museum

David Orwig, Senior Ecologist and Forest Ecologist with Harvard Forest will be sharing his research into the presence of old-growth forests in our state on **March 31, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**. The talk will include a broad discussion of old-growth forests in Massachusetts- What are they? Where are they? And what can they tell us? Through pictures and data from many old-growth forests in the state, many aspects of why these rare forest gems



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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Several years ago, I received a phone call from a friend who was helping Beatrice Taber clean out her home prior to selling it. The home at 199 New Bedford Road along with the woods across the street had been in the Taber family for many years.

One of the items in the house was the rocker pictured here. After looking over the chair, Dave asked if he could have it, and she was happy to give it to him. His reason for both requesting the chair and calling me was his belief that the rocker should stay in town. The rocking chair which resembles a Hitchcock rocker came with information about its origins. It was made by Carl E. Taber (who lived at 199 New Bedford Rd.) and the wood for the chair came from trees grown on his property. On the underside of the rocking chair seat was this inscription, "This Boston Rocker is made of all native wood taken from my farm in Rochester, Mass. The fancy decorating was done by my daughter Evelyn." Under that was his name, Carl A. Taber AD 1955.



We at the Historical Society are truly grateful to have had this "Rochester" rocking chair donated to our museum. The pictures which sit on the rocker are of the Taber home. The rocking chair has a place of honor on the altar at our museum at 355 County Road

Cuttyhunk Plein Air

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Gosnold Cultural Council to present the 2023 Cuttyhunk Plein Air Festival. Festival founder Teri Bordenave welcomes this new partnership between the MAC and the GCC and looks forward to this year's event: "I am delighted about this new collaboration and how this partnership will strengthen and sustain



A sewage main broke off Point Road in Marion on February 3, and on February 4 amidst single-digit temperatures, members of the town's Department of Public Works were out working to reroute the path of the raw sewage until they could dig at the site on February 5 when the ground was expected to thaw. Photos by Mick Colageo and courtesy of Randy Parker



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this popular regional cultural event. This is a great way forward for the Plein Air Festival." The goals in creating the Cuttyhunk Plein Air Festival, now in its eighth year, were to introduce artists to the beauty of the island, to encourage them to return, to provide an engaging cultural event for residents and visitors and to support island businesses during the shoulder season. The event this year is scheduled on Saturday, **June 17**, with a foul weather date reserved on Sunday, **June 18**.

The MAC's executive director, Jodi Stevens, was a long-time juror and day-of volunteer for the CPAF and has been an integral part of the festival since its inception. Jurors for the 2023 festival include Pamela Hoss, Jay Ryan and Bob Smith. This year, Marne Goodrich joins the long time team of on-island coordinators and volunteers: Teri Bordenave, Ellie von Wellsheim, Sara and Paul Lehner and many more. In keeping with the missions of both the Marion Art Center and the Gosnold Cultural Council, the collaborators aim to broaden the scope of the annual event and engage new participants. To further their shared commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, the MAC and the GCC will be sponsoring scholarships for the first time this year, working with regional organizations to select and award nominees. Artists will be given the option at registration to donate to these scholarship funds. Sponsors this year include Pete's Place Rentals, Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, the Cuttyhunk Fishing Club and Molly and Jim Conway (supporting the Spirit of

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The CPAF is limited to 60 artists, and the cost to participate is \$90 per person. This fee covers registration, ferry travel with cargo transport via M/V Cuttyhunk Ferry and a box lunch. The cost to Cuttyhunk residents, or those who do not need a day-of ferry ticket, is \$40. On the day of the festival, artists will travel from State Pier 3 in New Bedford, where registration packets and ferry tickets are distributed (9am departure), to Cuttyhunk (10 am arrival.) There they will check in and collect their box lunches, and volunteer "island ambassadors" will greet painters and deliver them to various locations across the island. Artists will wrap up around 2:30 pm to be ready for pickup (or can walk back), and they may submit paintings for jurying by 2:45 pm. Artists will enjoy a brief "ARTY." reception after jurors have had a chance to select 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and purchase prizes. Islanders and visitors may also purchase art directly from the artists. The "ARTY." is open to all and free to attend. Finally, artists will depart on the Cuttyhunk Ferry at 4:00 pm to return to New Bedford. (This is an approximate schedule, as ferry departure time is subject to change.) To learn more and register, visit marionartcenter.org/cuttyhunk-plein-air. Please send questions to info@marionartcenter.org.

DIY Programs at the Mattapoisett Library

Learn new skills at two fun DIY programs at the Mattapoisett Library this month. First, on Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 am, crafting enthusiasts can learn the

art of finger knitting with a tutorial using our database Creativebug. No prior knitting experience is necessary to join. One skein of yarn is all that is needed, and that will be provided to each person who registers. Register online at mattapoisettlibrary.org as space will be limited. This event is recommended for older teens and adults.

The Mattapoisett Sustainability Partnership will host a workshop on Saturday, **February 25** from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm to demonstrate how to grow sprouts at home and have samples of sprout varieties to taste test. Sprouts are an easy crop to grow with little effort needed. Registration is not necessary; drop by to make a sprout jar at any time during the two-hour span.

Have questions? Email the library at mfp1@sailsinc.org or visit mattapoisettlibrary.org to see all of the library's upcoming events.

Taber Library's Tables of Content Fundraiser

Come one, come all to the 4th annual Tables of Content dinner/book discussion fundraiser hosted by the Elizabeth Taber Library. On two nights, Sunday, **May 7** and Friday, **May 19**, generous friends of the Library will host delicious dinners in their homes. Participants choose two books in order of preference from the Tables of Content list. You will be assigned to read one of the books. You will not know your dinner location until your host contacts you one week prior. Gather around the Table for an evening of delicious food, libations, laughter and conversations about the book you have read.

Sunday May 7 Book List:

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Travels with George: In Search of Washington and his

OBITUARIES



Richard B. DaSilva, 79, of Marion died Friday, February 3, 2023 at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River after a brief illness. He was the husband of Jean (Rogers) DaSilva.

Born in Wareham, Mr. DaSilva was the son of the late Henrique and Laura (Barros) DaSilva. Mr. DaSilva was a lifelong resident of Marion and was well known in the area, especially in his Point Road neighborhood. He worked as maintenance engineer for Johnson and Johnson in New Bedford for many years. After his retirement, he continued to work as a caretaker in Marion.

Mr. DaSilva was an avid collector, and his yard was always filled with good finds. His family and friends always looked forward to his annual pig roast at his home, and St. Anthony's feast at the Point Road playground.

Survivors include his wife, Jean of Marion; his children, Richard DaSilva, Jr. of Southboro, Robin M. DaSilva of Marion, Ryan E. DaSilva and his wife Gina of Dartmouth,

Rhea L. Ford and her husband Willie of Marion and Jeremy K. Bunch of Greensboro (N.C.); his siblings, Elizabeth Mendes of Canton, Shirley Downing of N. Dartmouth, and Harry B. DaSilva of Marion; his grandchildren, Shanice M. Lea and her husband Ryan, Sydney R. DaSilva, Mekei W. Ford, Baeley K. Ford, Brody J. DaSilva, and Tristen J. Bunch. He was predeceased by his siblings, the late Lillian Corbett, Dorothy Coleman, Henry DaSilva, Jr. and Edward Silva. He also leaves many loving nieces and nephews and three godchildren.

His funeral will be from Chapman Funerals & Creations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at 9 am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Church, 94 High St., Wareham at 10 am. Interment will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wareham. Visiting hours will be Thursday from 4 – 7 pm at the funeral home.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

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 Friday, May 19 Book List:
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Mattapoisett Annual Town Election Information

Nomination papers are available for Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, **May 16**. The offices that are up this year include Town Clerk, Select Board, Assessor, Mattapoisett School Committee, Old Rochester Regional School Committee, Moderator, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, Library Trustees, Board of Health, Community Preservation Committee, Planning Board

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8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peter Dean
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday February 10, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
4:57 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Dr. Michael Moore
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday February 11, 2023

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Gordon Goodwin
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:00 PM Ron Wisner - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday February 12, 2023

6:00 AM Health Source

6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Carol Sanz
2:30 PM Ron Wisner - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
3:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis and its Solution
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday February 13, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow

and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis and its Solution
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
7:30 PM Ron Wisner - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
7:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 14, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
7:00 PM Ron Wisner - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 15, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Portuguese History
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:30 PM Marion Board of Health
3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
7:00 PM Marion School Committee
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 PM ORR Regional School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

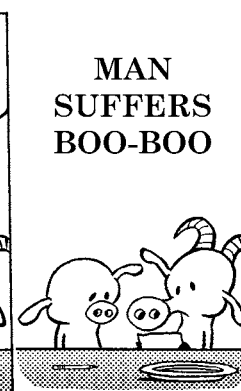
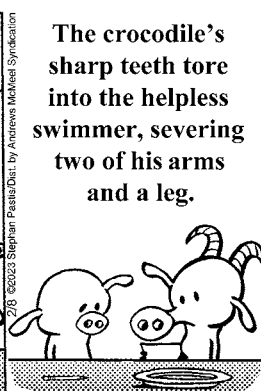
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Rochester School Committee
12:30 PM Joint School Committee
2:30 PM ORR School Committee
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
7:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
7:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:00 PM Rochester School Committee
10:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 97 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Sippican Play
8:30 AM ORRHJS Guppy Tank
9:00 AM Sippican Historical Society
10:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR FORM Instrumental Concert
1:30 PM ORR FORM Choral Concert
2:30 PM ORR FORM Brunch
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORRHJS Girls Basketball vs Wareham
8:00 PM ORRHJS Girls Soccer vs Bristol Plymouth
9:00 PM Old Colony Skills USA Awards Ceremony
9:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
11:00 PM ORRHJS Football vs Fairhaven

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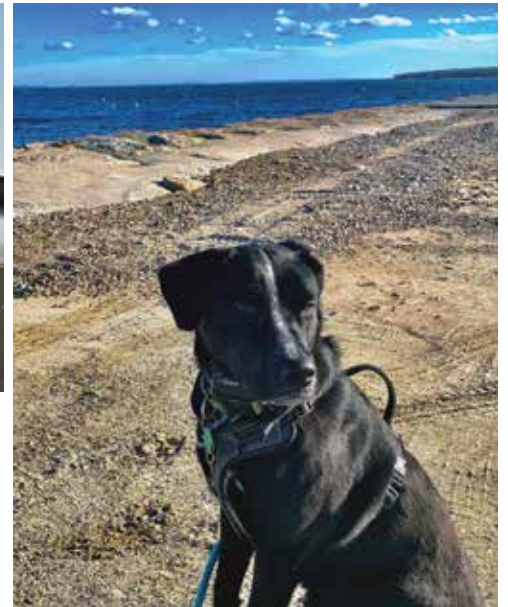


A Rochester family and its pets safely escaped without injuries from a house fire on Stuart Road shortly after midnight on February 2. The Rochester Fire Department was assisted by crews from Acushnet, Freetown, Marion and Mattapoisett. Photos courtesy of Rochester Fire Department



(above) Jen Shepley shared this photo of mist on the harbor brought about by Saturday's low temperatures.

(right) Heather MacGregor took this cute photo of her dog Skunk on a walk on February 2 down at the town wharf. Skunk loves to go down there and look for shells the seagulls have dropped and to look for fish. Even the windy conditions didn't stop him.



The Marion Natural History Museum braved the snowy weather Wednesday and attending members were rewarded with 18 different shoreline bird sightings. The sightings included a large "raft" of sleepy Greater Scaup, Canada Geese, American Black Duck, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Horned Grebe, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Common Loon, American Crow, American Robin, House Finch, Song Sparrow and Northern Cardinal. Thank you to Justin Barrett for another fun trip. Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold



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themes for cello and a ballade for viola before reaching a jovial, quite Parisian conclusion. The final leg of our journey brings us to Saint Petersburg for Alexander Borodin's masterful String Quartet No. 2, whose melodies have graced Kismet, Disney's The Little Matchgirl and Star Trek: Discovery. Bon voyage.



On Saturday, **February 25**, the Chamber Music performance will take place in Marion at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street. On Sunday, **February 26**, the venue is in South Dartmouth at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street. Both concerts begin at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance at <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2022-2023/>.

This SCCMS weekend features NBSO musicians Ethan Wood, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Peter Zay, cello; as well as SCCMS Artistic Director Janice Weber, piano.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Bad Conduct

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Tár. Starring Cate Blanchett and Mark Strong. Directed by Todd Field. Running time: 158 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now in select theaters and available on physical and streaming home media.

Continuing Oscar catch-up: Todd Field's *Tár* seems like long, dry homework — it's a character study of a great artist, Lydia Tár (Cate Blanchett), who may not be such a good person, and it tips the scales at two hours and thirty-eight minutes — but it's well put-together, with spaces left open for interpretation. It's an art object about art, and whether a person who can create or at least facilitate art also owes society good personal behavior. Tár is a revered conductor with the Berlin Philharmonic; she has a book coming out, and she's about to complete her Mahler project by conducting his Fifth Symphony.

Then, slowly and then briskly, her life falls apart. Tár, it turns out, has a habit of having affairs with young, smitten musicians, and one of them, named Krista Taylor, has recently killed herself. Legal attention soon follows, it comes out that Krista is far from the only musician to drift into Tár's orbit, and Tár is "cancelled." There's foreshadowing early on, when Tár teaches a class and is at odds with a student who doesn't respect Bach's reputation as a womanizer. The student's response to flawed artists is as valid as Tár's — most of us choose which real-world actions are dealbreakers for us when it comes to the artists we love. One point of the movie might be that saying there are no dealbreakers can be as limited as saying, yes, there are dealbreakers, things we can't forgive.

Todd Field keeps a lot of things ambiguous. Tár of course denies any wrongdoing on her part, and she could be lying or she could be on the level. Past a certain point it doesn't matter. Her name is connected publicly with grooming and sexual predation, and it becomes poison. Most of the film, though — I'd say the first two hours — has little to do with "cancel culture" other than occasional omens. While we wait for Tár's house of cards to rattle to the floor, we study Tár, a somewhat arrogant and fairly high-strung woman who seems like what can happen when a high-school music nerd gets some power and gets drunk on it, then accustomed to it.

Tár has a wife, Sharon (Nina Hoss), who plays in Tár's orchestra, and they share a small daughter, Petra. One day, Tár comes to see Petra at school and pays an intimidating visit to a girl who's been bullying Petra. Tár assures the kid that she will "get her" if she doesn't leave Petra alone, and nobody will believe the kid if she tries to tell anyone. This seems like a key moment, almost the sole reason Tár is even given a daughter in the film.



Here we see a menacing, will-to-power side of Tár that perhaps young, trusting musicians also saw. Aside from this scene, and one other in the film's final act, Tár doesn't seem overtly abusive. She is smart and talented, and other smart and talented people in major cities put her on a pedestal — she's a woman and gay and excels in a career traditionally dominated by men. Tár has taken advantage of all of that — or maybe she hasn't. We get glimpses of evidence that, to us, seems inconclusive. It may also seem that way to the Berlin Philharmonic, but Tár has become radioactive and must be cast out regardless.

I don't think *Tár* means to say much about the supposed "woke mob" thirsting to ruin the lives of artists by falsely accusing them of salacious deeds. It may have interested Todd Field as a sidebar issue he wanted to explore in the downfall of an artist, but I don't get the sense that he's decrying anything. The ambiguity about whether Tár is actually guilty as charged can provoke literal-minded debate, but I suspect Field has a good deal more to say about the creators we lift up and tear down, not limited to churlish-sounding Fox News editorials about woke hysteria. We're given enough clues, both by the allusive script and by Cate Blanchett's brittle, richly detailed performance, to deduce that Tár is probably guilty as sin; if not of driving Krista Taylor to suicide, then of other casualties left bleeding on the side of Tár's road to glory.

That road leads far away from her humble origins as a kid named Linda Tarr. That may sound like a bridge too far in terms of a diagnosis of Tár's disease. Ah, an artist is driven to the top by the fear of dying anonymous and obscure in her home town. In an alternate universe, is there a Linda Tarr who stayed and maybe taught piano lessons and was never given the opportunity to follow her darkest impulses? Would that person have been happier? Is Tár truly happy? We never see her uncomplicatedly happy. The narrative is full of little hostilities Tár commits — the mini-arc having to do with Tár's neighbor and her ailing mother shows us how unused she is to normal social exchanges. *Tár* doesn't crowd our emotions; it lets us respond how we will. A note of caution, though: the price Field pays for his nonjudgmental, emotionally arid approach is a certain emotional recoil on our part. The movie is intelligent and artful. And we don't finally give a damn about Lydia Tár or what happens to her.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The library is celebrating Black History Month. Visit all month long to find novels, histories, cookbooks, essays, graphic novels, picture books, crafts and more celebrating Black history and culture. In honor of Black History Month, the Excellent family is so excited to celebrate with the Elizabeth Taber Library on Friday, **February 24** at 10:30 am for stories, songs and art celebrating Black history and stories.

The 2nd Annual Lizzy T Trivia Night Fundraiser is on Friday **March 24** at 7 pm. Gather a team of 5-6 members and compete in a battle of wits to benefit the library. Topics include local history, sports, pop culture and more. Find registration forms at the library or on our website, \$200 team entry fee.

Tables of Content Fundraising event, **May 7 & 19** at 6 pm. A fundraising event that pairs a delicious dinner in a Marion neighbor's home with a lively book discussion. Find registration forms, including available titles at the library or on our website. Tickets are \$75 per person.

Friends of the Library coffee hour, Thursday, **March 2** at 9:30 am. Learn more about the brand new Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library at our recruitment coffee hour. Serve the community of Marion by supporting the library.

Join us for story times every Wednesday (baby lap sit) and Friday (all ages) from 10:30-11:30.

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Open Table Is Back, One-Time Only

Winter is here and it is time for a cozy meal with friends. Open Table is back for one more meal. The OT crew hopes to see you on Friday, **February 17** for a delicious meal served in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30, and supper will be served at 5 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

Marion Stewards of Community Open Space

The Stewards of Community Open Space (SoCOS) has been working with representatives of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to develop a new Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) for Marion. The OSRP is required by the State and has a specific format and content. A final version of the OSRP has been developed. Updated on a seven-year cycle, the OSRP document describes a community's open space and recreation resources and identifies actions that will protect, enhance and manage these resources into the future. An OSRP also makes the town eligible to apply for state grants that fund

improvements to recreational facilities and open space lands.

SoCOS will host a public education meeting on Thursday, **February 16** at 7pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street. The meeting will review the process, the OSRP content and the resulting Action Items. The OSRP will be submitted to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services for final approval.

Electronic copies of the OSRP will be available on the Town Website, and hard reading copies will be available at the Planning Board Office and the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Mattapoisett Women's Club

Ms. Korinn Petersen, Esq., vice president for Clean Water Advocacy at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will be the featured speaker at the Mattapoisett Women's Club on Thursday, **February 16** at 11:30 am at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Attorney Petersen will discuss her advocacy work on behalf of the Coalition and focus on the long-term sustainable use of Buzzards Bay by managing both local and regional projects designed to reduce nitrogen pollution from wastewater. Attorney Petersen is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BS degree, cum laude, in Resource Economics. She received a Master of Studies in Environmental Law, cum laude, and a Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition adopted an ambitious Strategic Plan that highlighted the need for more advocacy if the Coalition was going to live up to the promise of its founders to Save Buzzards Bay. As always, Mattapoisett Women's Club programs are open to the community please join us on Thursday, **February 16**, at 11:30 am and learn about the decades of hard work and significant resources invested in reducing pollution, saving vital watershed lands and making Buzzards Bay more resilient in the face of climate change.

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- Island Wharf Rd – Vandalism/past
- Front St – Vandalism/past
- Holmes St – Follow up
- Stoney Run Ln – EMS/medical
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Converse Rd – Follow up
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Village Dr – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Sparrow Ln – Suspicious activity
- Sherman's Way – General service
- Village Dr – Assist other department
- Tucker Ln – Animal control
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Washburn Park Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Front St – MV complaint
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Wewaeantic Bridge – Road hazard
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Rogers Dr – Smoke investigation
- Ryders Ln – Emergency services
- Abels Way – Transport

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Log highlights Jan 29-Feb 4

- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Justin Ave – Medical alarm
- Dupont Dr – General service
- County Rd – MV violations
- North St – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Disturbance
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violation
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist citizen
- Prospect Rd – MV violations
- Prince Snow Cir – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Disturbance
- Lebaron Way – Suspicious MV
- Brandt Island Rd – Domestic
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Acushnet Rd – Harassing calls
- Ocean View Ave – Health/welfare
- Ryan's Way – Structure fire
- Holly Ln – General service
- Deep Woods Dr – Suspicious persons
- Lebaron Way – Missing person
- Reservation Rd – Suspicious MV
- Main St – Structure fire
- Hawthorne St – General service
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Prospect Rd – General service
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Main St – MV crash

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Log highlights Jan 29-Feb 4

- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- Pine St – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- High St – Fraud
- Alley Rd – Medical
- Pine St – General services
- Pine St – Disturbance
- Stuart Rd – Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Dexter Ln – MV collision
- Parlowtown Rd – 911 call
- Noble Rd – Assist other agency
- Stuart Rd – Structure fire
- Tilson Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Medical
- Bowens Ln – 911 call
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious activity
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- North Ave – Road hazard
- Bishop Rd – Suspicious activity
- Constitution Way – Investigation
- Burgess Ave – Civil complaint
- Dexter Ln – Animal control
- Burgess Ave – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/arrest

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Feb 13 Swedish

meatballs, egg noodles, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, oatmeal roll, pears

Tuesday, Feb 14 Stuffed shells w/ tomato sauce, California vegetables, multigrain roll, red velvet cupcake, diet: low sugar cake

Wednesday, Feb 15: Gypsy soup, chicken w/peach salsa, white/brown rice, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges

Thursday, Feb 16: Beef & cabbage casserole, carrots, snowflake roll, apricots

Friday, Feb 17: "Catch of the Day", lemon dill sauce, Florentine rice, brussel sprouts, multigrain bread, mixed fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 13 BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Feb 14 Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Feb 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup,

tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Feb 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Feb 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 13 BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Feb 14 Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Feb 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Feb 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Feb 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 13 BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Feb 14 Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Feb 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Feb 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, Feb 17: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella stick served warm marinara sauce, savory green beans

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 13 BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Feb 14 Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, Feb 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Feb 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Feb 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad,

assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 13 BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

Tuesday, Feb 14 Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Feb 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Feb 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, Feb 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 13 Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

Tuesday, Feb 14 Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

Wednesday, Feb 15: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread

Thursday, Feb 16: Turkey club & fries

Friday, Feb 17: Assorted pizza

MCC Announces Memorials Scholarships

Mattapoisett Congregational Church is pleased to once again offer scholarships to students graduating from high school in June who reside in the town of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service and financial need. Applications and supplementary information are now available at the local public and private schools. The deadline for electronic submission of documents is Friday, **March 31**.

Students will be notified of their selection by **April 28** via email. Scholarship recipients will be presented in Church on Scholarship Sunday, **May 21** during the 10 o'clock service of worship.

If you are a graduating senior and have any questions about the scholarship application process, you are invited to contact the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office via email at mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

The Friends of Plumb Library

The Friends of Plumb Library are spreading the love this Valentine's Day. Win a homemade cheesecake topped with chocolate covered strawberries plus one dozen roses. Tickets are 14 for \$10 and are available for purchase through **February 11**. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, **February 11** at 2 pm. Prize pick-up is Monday, after 2 pm at the library. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Plumb Library.

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents an exhibit from **February 15 - March 14** called Photography by John Oldham: From the Streets of Boston to the Cannons of Fort Phoenix. Local resident Oldham is a History Teacher at Old Colony Regional Vocational High School in Rochester. He has been taking photos and learning the art of photography for just one year. His passions include landscapes, lifestyles, portraits and a love for street photography in Boston and other cities.

Lots to Love at Plumb Library in February

The new Writers Group will be holding its first meeting on Thursday, **February 16** at the library. The group plans to meet every third Thursday (except in November and December.) The meeting will start with a writing prompt, followed by 10 minutes of writing and then group discussion. If you wish to zoom in, please contact us at info@plumblibrary.com with your email.

Books & Babble, the Plumb Library book group, will meet on Thursday, **February 23** at 6:30 pm at the library. We will be discussing "Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune", by Roselle Lim. Copies are available for checkout at the front desk. Light refreshments will be served.

In February, stop in to pick up a pretty Tissue

Paper Flower Take and Make Kit (while supplies last.) One per child, please. If you enjoy this craft, please consider making more and sharing with us for display in the children's area bay window.

Now through **February 25**, a February themed scrambled word (aka the password) will be available to unscramble each week. A picture clue is available for prereaders. Ask for the scrambled word at the front desk. Quietly, share your answer with a librarian. If you are correct, you earn a small prize.

How many hearts on a stick can you find hiding in the library? Search the library for the hearts on a stick and count them. Quietly tell a librarian your count. If your answer is correct, you earn a prize from the Treasure Chest. The hearts will be in the same place throughout the month of February.

The library will be closed on Monday, **February 20** for President's Day.

For more information, please follow us on Facebook, email info@plumblibrary.com, or call the library at 508-763-8600.

Beyond Books – Many Opportunities to Learn & Participate

The Sippican Woman's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, **February 10** starting at Noon.

Our meeting will be held at our clubhouse "Handy's Tavern", 152 Front Street, Marion. Following a

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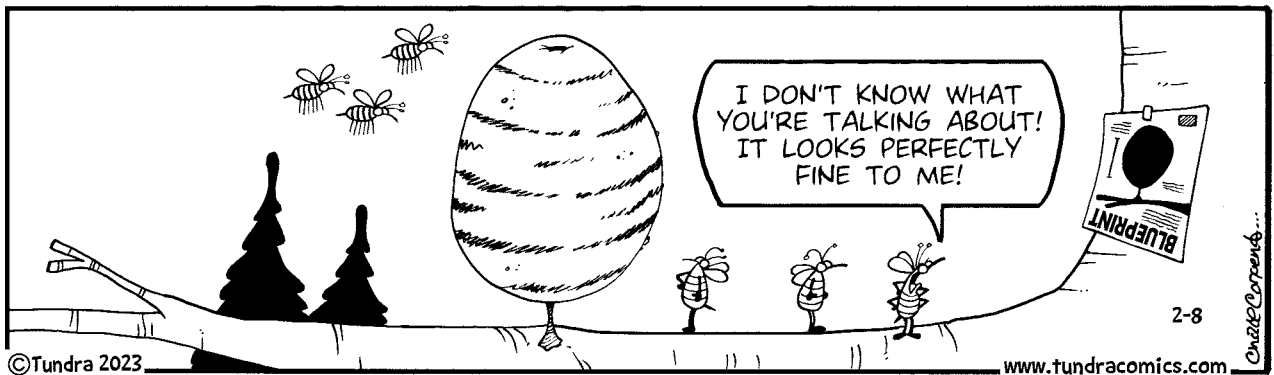
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lite lunch, we will depart promptly at 1:00 pm via carpool to the Elizabeth Tabor Library on Spring Street for a tour led by Elizabeth Sherry, the Executive Director of the Library.

Elizabeth Sherry will give an overview of the many learning opportunities available to library patrons via programs, lectures, workshops sponsored by the library as well as noting electronic equipment and available device operating assistance, etc.

The Sippican Woman's Club is open to any woman whose interest is in Marion. Our meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month September through March followed by an Annual Meeting held on the last Friday in April.

Unless we hold an off-site meeting, we normally meet at 12:30 pm at our clubhouse "Handy's Tavern", 152 Front Street, Marion.

Please visit our updated website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org

Rochester Historical Society Membership Drive

The Rochester Historical Society is always happy to welcome new members. We welcome anyone who is interested in history, and we are not limited to Rochester residents. Our active season runs from April through December. Our regular monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at our museum at 355 County Road and begins at 7:00 pm. The current exhibit at the museum is Maps, Signs and Celebrations, Part 1. While we don't have current open hours, we are always happy to open up by appointment.

Our April meeting will be on **April 19**, with a talk on Rochester's many celebrations. Other upcoming events will include a special event, a second cemetery tour in June.

To become a member, make an appointment to visit the museum. To discuss any other history related subjects, you may contact Sue at 508 295 8908 or email sash48@comcast.net or Connie at eshbach2@aol.com. We hope to see you in the spring.

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Upcoming After-school Program at the MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting the Manomet Bird Observatory on **February 15**. Students will explore local birds that overwinter in Massachusetts. They will be given model birds to identify and information about behavior and diet during the winter months. Students will determine the best locations and types of food for their bird feeders. To register for this program and the many other future programs, please go to the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Marion Natural History Museum

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open up more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready, and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But it's time for you to take some quiet moments to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And, as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities that could come with a workplace change. It could show you the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good work flows from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

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school program for **February 15** will be Bird Feeders and Winter Bird Exploration with Manomet bird observatory. Students will explore local birds that overwinter in Massachusetts. They will be given model birds to identify and information about their overwintering behaviors and diet. Students will have to determine what would be the best food source for their bird based on options provided: mixed seed, sunflower seeds, acorns, etc. and then will be given the task of creating an ideal bird feeder for their birds, given materials provided. We can also go outside to look for natural materials if the space/time allows. Students will find locations to put their bird feeders where they can be checked on to see what types of animals visited their feeders, if they were successful and if there were any modifications students would make in the future. Program fee is \$8.00/members and \$10.00 nonmembers. Please register online at www.marionmuseum.org.

Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund Scholarship

The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund (NGMF) has opened multiple scholarship and grant applications for talented young people. There are three primary opportunities:

- Music Mastermind - 3-month virtual Artist Development Program worth \$8,000.
- Musical Theatre Mastermind - 3-month virtual Artist Development Program worth \$8,000.
- General Arts Grant to cover anything a young artist could need: e.g. computer software, classes, instruments, travel, etc. Several grants available ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, depending upon requests and the number of applications.

The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund was created to empower and support performing artists. "We know how much it takes to perform and make music. Nolan was constantly taking new classes, traveling and buying new technology and instruments. We are thrilled to offer these scholarships in his name, to help others who want to perform or produce music but may need some financial help to move forward. We designed the General Arts Grant specifically to cover many items or experiences that a young performer may need to help them grow." - Sheila J. Gibbons, Founder of NGMF.

The following two scholarships were generously donated by Melissa Mentus Mulligan:

The Music Mastermind program includes live sessions, including: songwriting & artist development with platinum-selling songwriter Coley O'Toole, music production mentorship with Grammy-winning and pro-level producers Mike Mangini and Skip Glogan, marketing, life coaching and fan base with Melissa Mulligan and special industry experts, professional reviews of your work and more. Artists complete the program with improved songs, self-produced and mixed versions of songs, the skills and tools to repeat this award-winning recording process, a social media

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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm **THIS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON ON February 16, 2023**</p> <p>Case #1509: Application of: Mattapoisett Boat Yard, Inc, P.O. Box 1030, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE:32-34 Ned's Point Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2 through 7.2.2.7 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct an 80ft X 131.33ft Commercial Marine Building. The property is further described as Plot 7, Lot 120 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023</p> <p>Case #1510: Application of: Jennifer Jean Mello, 39 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE:39 Marion Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 5, as provided by Section 5.1.5.4.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to create a Family Related Apartment. The property is further described as Plot 8, Lot 116 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia, Jordan Rodrigues 2/2, 2/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 4:15 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., pertaining to the property located at 13 Washburn Lane, further identified as Map 11, Lot 69.</p> <p>The following variance is requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.211(7): General Construction Requirements for All System Components:</p> <p>To allow a portion of the Soil Absorption System to be installed greater than 36" below finish grade. The Soil Absorption System will be between 1.7 and 4.0 feet below finish grade. John B. Howard, MD, Chair 2/2, 2/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Christine Wood, 1 Hilton Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to build a 14'x16' covered porch w/10'x14' deck to the right side of the house. The project is located at 1 Hilton Avenue, and is further identified as Lot 2 on Assessor Map 63.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/9</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding an Amendment to a Large Scale Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit and Groundwater Protection Decision dated October 27, 2020, filed by Featherbed Lane South Solar, LLC, Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772 for property located at 0 Featherbed Lane, designated at Map 46, Lot 24.</p> <p>The Proponent is hereby requesting an amendment to the Special Permit Decision that will modify Standard Condition #23, which currently contains a limitation on the Planning Board's ability to extend the lapse period provided for in the decision.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/9, 2/16</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding an Amendment to a Large Scale Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit, Groundwater Protection, and Scenic Highway Decision dated June 23, 2020, filed by Braley Hill North Solar, LLC, Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772 for property located at 0 Braley Hill Road, designated at Map 48, Lots 32 and 36.</p> <p>The Proponent is hereby requesting an amendment to the Special Permit Decision that will modify Standard Condition #23, which currently contains a limitation on the Planning Board's ability to extend the lapse period provided for in the decision.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/9, 2/16</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Peter M. Martin, 17 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to prepare footings/sonotubes and construct a 10'x14' garden shed. The project is located at 17 Main Street, and is further identified as Lot 53 on Assessor Map 10.</p> <p>**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER TAX COLLECTOR PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Town of Rochester Tax Bills FY 2023</p>	<p>Real Estate & Personal Property tax bills were mailed February 3, 2023 and are due on March 9, 2023. The second half payment will be Due May 1, 2023. If paying by personal online banking allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited. ONLINE BILL PAY: townofrochester-mass.com Click online payments then tax collector. There is a Lockbox located at the bottom left side of the front stairs for your convenience checks only please. If you have not received your tax bill in the mail please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871 ext.1. If you have questions regarding property values and abatements please contact the Assessor's Office at 508-763-3871 ext.3 2/9, 2/16</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:10 pm (via Zoom*), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Joyce J. Patten Trust - 1994 for proposed residential pier facility at 83 Holly Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 118 & 118A on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:20 pm (via Zoom*), on an Amended Order of Conditions DEP File SE 41-1383, submitted by James L. & Carolyn C. Rubenstein for float improvement project at 163 Allen's Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 34 on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:30 pm (via Zoom*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Michael J. Moore for the repair of cement cap of granite pier on North side of island and reinstallation of wooden inter-pier bridge at 1 Ram Island.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 77 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair</p>

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proceeds from the annual NolanFest live music event held each summer at Silvershell Beach in Marion.

For more information and to apply, please visit:
www.nolangibbons.org/scholarships.

MAC Playwrights Incubator Program

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MTPI is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights. These plays are small cast shows with one to six characters. Selected playwrights will work with two mentors who are experienced theater artists to fine-tune their plays over the course of several months and prepare the script for production. After regular writing evaluations, when the script is ready, the mentors will work with the MAC to find a director and assist her or him in casting the show with appropriate actors. One or more readings with a select focus group audience will include a feedback/response process, and the end result is a completed script, ready for debut performance for a live audience on stage at the Marion Art Center.

Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program. Selected applicants are required to sign an agreement with the MAC Theater, outlining expectations and a commitment to the program. Playwrights must be available to meet on site with mentors for readings and all aspects of the production process, including auditions, rehearsals, tech work and performances. Apply online at marionartcenter.org/mtpi. Applications are due by **March 1**. The selected playwright for the 2023-2024 program will be announced on **March 20**. Please send any questions to mtpi@marionartcenter.org.

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In addition, there will be a \$1,500.00 scholarship granted to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree or certificate.

Scholarship applications are available at guidance offices of Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural and online at www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org/.

Final deadline for returning completed applications is **March 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund-raising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to support the community that has partnered with the club in its fund-raising efforts. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:40 pm (via Zoom*), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by S & S Ventures, LLC for the reconstruction of a single-family house at 694C Mill Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 9 on Marion Assessors' Map 15. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:50 pm (via Zoom*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Cheryl L. Farrell for the removal of an approximately 80' pine tree at 97 County Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 25P on Marion Assessors' Map 22. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Application Number 23-WW01-0001-APP

Site Location : 12 West Avenue, Marion, MA

Paul G. & Linda L. Vivino

NOTIFICATION DATE: February 10, 2023

Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by the Paul G. & Linda L. Vivino to reconstruct and maintain a stone rip-rap seawall at 12 West Avenue in the municipality of Marion, in and over the waters of the Sippican Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter the project address in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact andy.jones@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (508)946-2785 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

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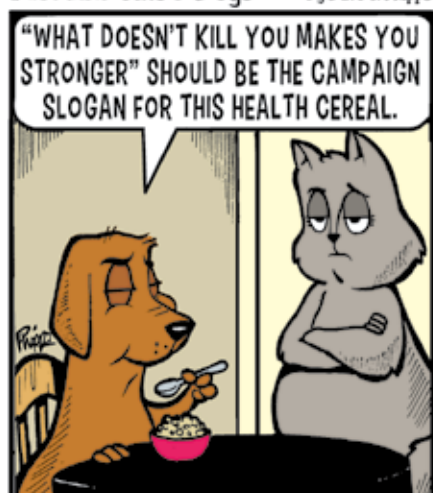
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Marion Community Preservation Committee

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are now available in the Town Clerk's office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by State matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed towards: open space/recreation, historic preservation or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 10** to be considered for presentation at the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to:

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Richard Van Inwegen: Photos from Our Area

Come to the Mattapoisett Library through **February 14** to view a photography exhibit by Mattapoisett resident Richard Van Inwegen. Photography has been a long-time hobby for Van Inwegen. He has taken numerous courses and seminars on photography and for several years has photographed the New Bedford



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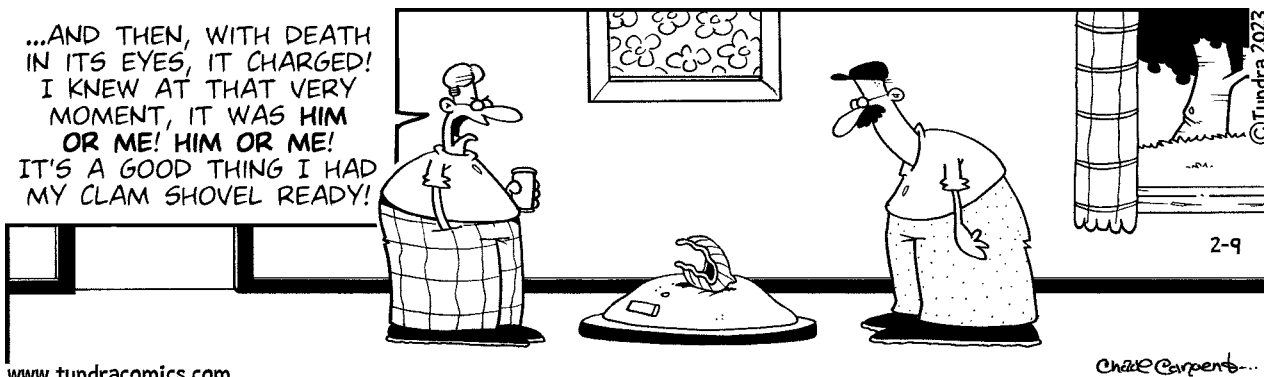
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To obtain an application, learn more about this award or to learn how to become a member of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, visit our website, www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org Award. Applications are also

available through the guidance department at your high school. Applications must be received by **March 25**.

2022-2023 Blue Book

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More information available at: lwvmmr.org/phonebook/.

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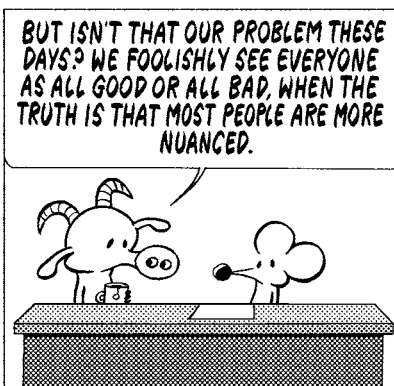
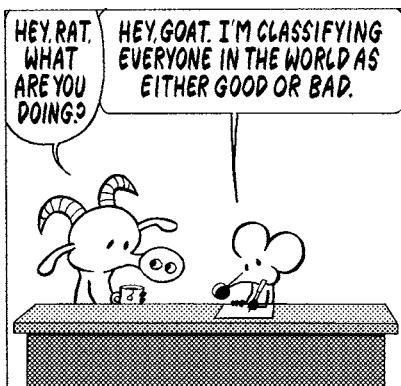
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Heating and Utility Relief for Tri-Town Area Elders

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The funds will pay for gas, electric, propane, wood or other heating needs to help reduce the financial burden for many elders who have difficulty with these purchases.

Funding for this project was made possible by the George E. Curtis Charitable Trust.

Please contact the Council on Aging in each town to complete a simple application. Only one older person in the household who qualifies for this program will receive a one-time assistance of \$400.

For the councils on aging in Marion, please call 508- 748-3570; Mattapoisett, 508- 758-4110 and Rochester at 508-763-8723.

National Honor Society Peer Tutoring

The ORRHS National Honor Society is offering free tutoring services for students in grades K-12 in the Tri-Town. They have a group of dedicated high school seniors who are able to help students in all subject areas. Please reach out to Caitlin Collier at caitlincollier@oldrochester.org to inquire.

Tri-Town Against Racism

Tri-Town against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help to identify how to best support the Tri-Town Region. The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report



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allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive impact! The incident report can be found by visiting this link: forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56.

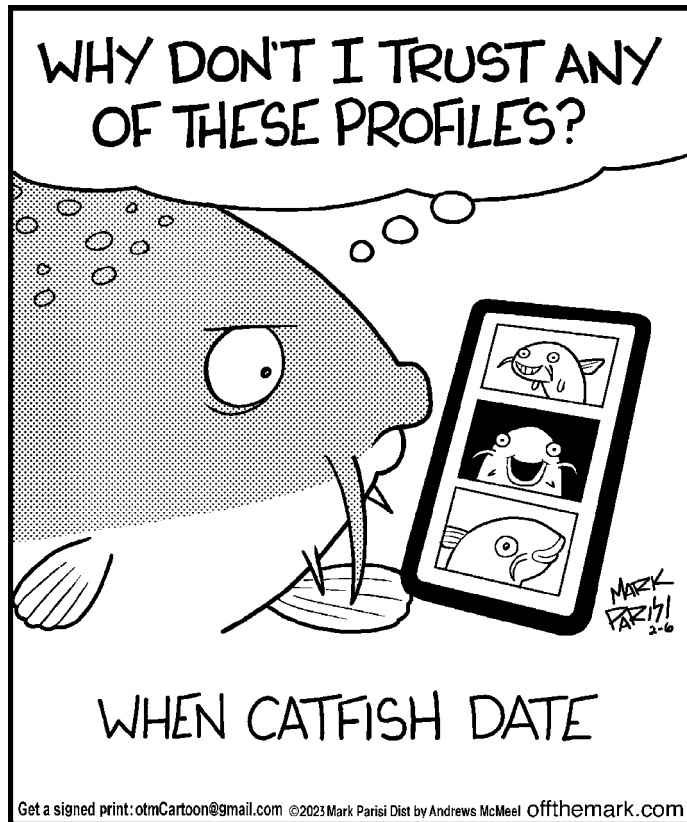
Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship that welcomes people seeking recovery from overeating, anorexia, bulimia and compulsive food behaviors. Weekly Saturday OA meetings take place in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall (Marion) at 8:00 am (Twelve Step meeting) and 9:00 am (OA Literature meeting.) For more information, visit www.scmioa.org.

Mattapoisett Boy Scouts

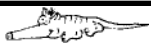
The new scouting year is underway for Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53. Come check out Scouting. We offer activities, including biking, kayaking, hiking, climbing and fun monthly campouts and more. We are looking for boys ages 11 to 17 to join us for adventure. No previous scouting experience is necessary. Call 508-245-2948 or text for more information and check out our Facebook page at Mattapoisett Troop 53.

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
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Tenglin, James W Tenglin, Lisa C	Tenglin, Richard Tenglin, Darla	124 Aucoot Rd	Mattapoisett	01/20/2023	240,000.00
Wright, Michelle D	Bento-rogers, Debra A	4 Stoney Run Ln	Marion	01/20/2023	640,000.00
Drouin, Raymond H Drouin, Susan D	Torwin Development LLC	Shagbark Cir Lot 93a	Mattapoisett	01/20/2023	300,000.00
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Santolucito, Salvatore A	Desrosiers, Theresa TR Desrosiers Family Trust	349 Cushman Rd	Rochester	01/24/2023	437,500.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 9	9:59	10:26	3:30	3:47
Friday	February 10	10:39	11:07	4:06	4:15
Saturday	February 11	11:24	11:53	4:45	4:49
Sunday	February 12		12:14	5:30	5:32
Monday	February 13	12:44	1:09	6:31	6:28
Tuesday	February 14	1:40	2:09	7:52	7:38
Wednesday	February 15	2:45	3:18	9:29	8:55
Thursday	February 16	3:57	4:29	10:41	10:10
Friday	February 17	5:06	5:32	11:37	11:15
Saturday	February 18	6:05	6:28		12:27
Sunday	February 19	6:57	7:20	12:14	1:14
Monday	February 20	7:47	8:10	1:12	1:58
Tuesday	February 21	8:35	8:59	2:07	2:38
Wednesday	February 22	9:23	9:48	2:58	3:14
Thursday	February 23	10:12	10:38	3:45	3:48
Friday	February 24	11:02	11:30	4:30	4:24
Saturday	February 25	11:54		5:17	5:03
Sunday	February 26	12:23	12:47	6:17	5:48
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		February 13th February 20th February 27th March 7th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Tribe 2. Crate;
3. Streak; 4. Teacher

Today's Word
CHECK

Sudoku Answer

5	2	4	6	3	9	8	1	7
1	9	6	2	8	7	3	5	4
3	7	8	1	4	5	6	9	2
6	5	9	7	2	1	4	3	8
4	8	7	5	9	3	1	2	6
2	3	1	8	6	4	9	7	5
8	1	2	9	5	6	7	4	3
9	6	3	4	7	2	5	8	1
7	4	5	3	1	8	2	6	9

by Mark Parisi
off the mark



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